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PROCEEDINGS OF THE

North Carolina Colored Christian Conference.

GRAHAM, N. C., Nov. 11, 1884.

THE NORTH CAROLINA COLORED CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE met here to-day at 10 o'clock a. m., in its seventeenth annual session in Children's Chapel, and was called to order by the Rev. Moses Fike, president of last session. Religious exercises were conducted by the chair by reading Deut. 28, and singing hymn 621. Prayer was offered by Rev. Wm. Hayes.

The roll was called and the following ministers answered to their names:

ELDERS:—M. Fike, G. W. Dunn, Jos. Mann, Robt. McKenzie, B. Young, T. Bullock, R. Pretty, T. Black, Jos. F. Mitchell, R. Mangum, William Hayes, F. Sutton, R. D. Johnson, G. W. Duke, E. Horton.

LICENTIATES:—T. J. Levister, M. McKenzie, E. Bullock, S. S. Saunders.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES:—Raleigh—Henrietta Turner. Franklinton—S. L. Long. New Bethel, (Wake)—J. P. Dunn. Pinesville—No delegate. Holly Springs—Edmond Alston. Pleasant Grove—A. Tabon. Rockey Spring—E. Allen. White's Grove—W. H. Carrall. Burchett's Chapel—A. C. Edwards. Popes Chapel—W. Williams—Pilgrim's Rest—No delegate Zion's Hill—Charley Mason. Children's Chapel—David Hunter and Henry Watson. Watson's Tabernacle—No delegate. Union Chapel—J. H. Turner. Maple Grove—No delegate. St. Paul's—No delegate. Walnut Grove—No delegate. St. Andrew's Chapel—No delegate. Sand Hill—No delegate. Mt. Olives—No delegate. Mt. Zion—No delegate. O'Kelly's Chapel—Isaac O'Kelly. Oak Level, (Warren)—No delegate. Oak Level, (Wake)—No delegate. Kinches Chapel—L. W. Jones. Roanoke Chapel—R. A. Giggitts. Swift Creek—S. Ruffin. Green Level—C. F. McCallum. Jerusalem—S. Coleman. Cedar Grove—J. W. Jenkins. Christian Antioch—T. Slaughter. Beach Grove—No delegate. Pleasant Union—H. Alston and John Allen. Rockey Branch—R. Hinnant and A. Williams. Hank's Chapel—No delegate. Mt. Pisgah, (Columbus Co.,)—No delegate. St. Lewis—No delegate. Zion Hill—No delegate. Young Chapel—

No delegate. Broad Creek Chapel—No delegate. Cedar Hill—No delegate. Christian—No delegate. New Hill—Thomas Wilson, Union Chapel—No delegate. New Bethel—No delegate. St. Antioch—No delegate. Poplar Spring—G. R. Riddick, Christian Chapel—John Horton and Wm. Williams. St. Peter's Chapel—No delegate. Baker's Chapel—No delegate. Antioch (Col. Co.,)—No delegate. Roberson's Chapel—No delegate. Brooklyn Chapel—No delegate. Green Chapel—No delegate. St. Delight—T. B. Clifton. Hickory Grove—Daniel Jones and James Holloway.

There being a quorum present, the Conference proceeded to the election of officers. Elder G. W. Dunn was elected President and T. J. Levister, Assistant Secretary.

The President was conducted to the chair and returned thanks to the brethren for the honor conferred on him, then an address of welcome to the conference and brethren was delivered by the pastor, Rev. Jos. Mann. A motion that the Rev. J. S. Brown, of the A. M. E. Chnrch be invited to a seat was adopted, who came forward upon accepting the invitation and spoke with interest and encouragement.

On motion chair appointed the various committees.

On motion a special committee was appointed to decide whether we shall have preaching each day or not. Jos. Mann, chairman. A. McCallum, Henry Watson. David Hunter, committee On motion it was decided that the conference shall meet at 9½ o'clock a. m , and adjourn at will.

A motion to adopt THE CHRISTIAN ARK as the organ of the colored Christian Church in America, after several speeches of commendation from different brethren, was carried. The special committee on preaching recommend that we have preaching each day at 11 o'clock. The report was adopted.

On motion the church letters were called for, but by an amendment they were put off until to-morrow 12 m.

On motion a committee on Finance was appointed as follows: S. L. Long, A. D. McCallum, Wm Williams.

On motion Elder Mann, the pastor was allowed to take up a collection during the conference and appropriate it to the expenses of the boarding house, and if there should be any left, that it be disposed of by the conference.

On motion that the Home Mission Committee was empowered to act as committee on grievances.

On motion no member is allowed to speak but twice on the same subject, and not more that five minutes at the time.

A motion that no member of this conference be allowed to

go home without the permission of the chair, was carried. The conference decided to have a boundary line marked. A motion to adjourn was lost and the session was continued one-half hour longer.

Report of committee on religious services reported that Rev R. McKenzie will preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock, assisted by Rev. S. S. Saunders. Then Conference adjourned to meet at 9½ o'clock Wednesday morning. Hymn 505, Prayer by Rev. T. Bullock. At the night services, the annual address by Elder G. W. Dunn was delivered from Psa. 33: 12. The collection for the day was $1.74. Doxology, benediction by Rev. Geo. Young.

SECOND DAY.

Nov. 12, 1884.

Devotional erercises were conducted by the chair. Hymn 478, and reading the 3rd chapter of Collosians, and prayer by Rev. R. McKenzie.

Roll was called and minutes of previous day read and approved.

On motion the Rev. F. E. Jordan, Fraternal Messenger from the Virginia Conference was invited to a seat as an honorary member. Bro. Jordan came forward and made some appropriate remarks, the following ministers arrived after the organization of conference.

ELDERS:—A. Small, J. H. Mabry.

LICENTIATES:—Wm. McCoy.

DELEGATES:—Isham Simmons.

A motion to take up the Sinking Fund was adopted, and there was collected $13.75, The following are the names of those that did not pay their Sinking Fund: Revs. J. H. Lewis, T. P. Wilson, Wm. McCoy, A. A. Bright, Nathan Turnage.

On motion that Bros. Wm. Hayes, Peter Floyd, Samuel Foy and M. McKenzie, were exempted from paying the Sinking Fund. The hour for preaching having arrived a recess of five minutes was taken and the meeting was opened by singing hymn 111, and reading the 15th chapter of Judges. Prayer by Rev. S. S. Saunders, hymn 94, text: Judges 15: 14, after sermon prayer by Elder Geo. Young, hymn 100, doxology and benediction by Elder F. E. Jorden. Evening session finished the Sinking Fund.

The Sinking Fund treasurer was called on to report which he did as follows:

REPORT.

That he received at the Franklinton Conference $7.00; Antioch Conference $12.60; Newbern $13.50; Graham $13.75; total receipts. $46.85. Loan to School Board $12.60; paid to Bros. Hayes and Foy $5.00 each. Paid sister Allen's way to and from the conference, $3.80. Expenditure $26.40. Balance in treasury $20.45.

On motion it was decided that the five cents for tardiness be paid towards the freight on books for the field.

Report of committee on religious exercises announced Elder T. Black to preach to-night at 7½ o'clock, assisted by Elder E. Horton.

Resolution by Rev. Wm. Hayes, that the President appoint a committee of five to divide this conference into suitable pastoral districts and report as soon as possible. A motion by Elder J. Mann, that the resolution be laid on the table was carried.

On motion the President of this conference was directed to ask the President of the different railroad companies to allow us reduced rates on our return home.

A motion to hear from school committee was amended that it be deferred until the school board reports. A motion by M. Fike that sisters Allen and Graham be given $5.60 each, was lost.

Report of committee on religious exercises announced that Rev. R. Mangum will preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock assisted by Rev M. McKenzie.

The President appointed the various committees as follows:

On Eduction:—Geo. Young, G. W. Dunn, R. McKenzie, T. Bullock, J Mann, M. Fike, J. F. Mitchell and Wm. Hayes.

On Home Missions:—R. D. Johnson, Jos. Mann, Jos. Adams, T. J. Levister, R. Whitaker, G. W. Dunn, B. Young, M. Fike.

On Temperance:—R. McKenzie, T. P. Wilson, T. J. Levister, G. W. Duke.

On Sabbath Schools:—M. Fike, Jos. Adams, F. Sutton.

Executive Committee:—G. W. Dunn, Jos. Mann, T. Bullock.

School Board:—S. L. Long, G. W. Dunn, Thomas Bullock, H. E. Long, R. McKenzie, M. Fike, Wm. Nicholson, Jos. Mann, J. F. Mitchell. J. L. Long, Secretary.

On motion the Rev. C. N. Gramerson of the M. E. Church was invited to a seat in Conference, he came forward with a few words of encouragement.

Delegates arrived as follows:—St. Delight—T. B. Clifton, New Bethel—B. Whitley, Oak Level—A. Hilliard, Archies

Grove—H. Sellers, Mt. Pisgah—A Morris. A motion that this Conference organize a society known as the Woman's Work and that it consist of a President, Secretary and Treasurer, was laid on the table until to-morrow. Conference adjourned by singing hymn 298. Prayer by Rev. R. Mangum. Benediction by the chair.

Evening Session.

At night Rev. T. Black preached from Matt. 13: 47. After sermon prayer was offered by Rev. C. N. Granderson, of the M. E. Church and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. T. Black. The collection amounted to $2.60.

The Educational Committee met at a private house and there appeared before them for ordination Bros. T. J. Levister, Wm. McCoy, E. D. Bullock, S. S. Saunders, A. G. Brooks and M. McKenzie. The committee opened the work with prayer by Elder M. Fike. Then after a lengthy examination, the candidates were dismissed, and in a consultation of the committee Rev. M. McKenzie was recommended for ordination, the others were advised to make further improvement and attend the Franklinton school, if possible. The committee then adjourned.

THIRD DAY.

November 13, 1884.

At 9½ o'clock Conference was opened with devotional exexercises by the chair, hymn 284 and reading the 12th chapter of 1 Cor., and prayer by Elder G. W. Duke.

Roll called, minutes of the previous day read and approved with a correction.

On motion Prof. H. E. Long, the ex-secretary of this Conference was invited to a seat. He accepted with some wholesome remarks.

On motion the Rev. J. W. Wellons and brother deacon of the white Conference was invited to a seat in Conference. Elder Wellons came forward and spoke encourageingly of the Christian Church and as he always does, gave some very good instruction.

A motion that Elder Mann be excused from paying 5cts for tardiness that he may attend to the boarding house—was carried.

A motion that church letters be read was lost.

A motion to elect the brother to preach the annual address in 1885, resulted in the election of Elder R. McKenzie.

Delegates arrived as follows: Oak Level—Wesley Land, Hank's Chapel—Jack Fike, Osgood—Charley Mason.

Conference then adjourned for preaching by Rev. R. Mangum assisted by M. McKenzie, opening hymn 399, and reading a part of the 13th chapter of Matthew. Prayer by Rev. F. Sutton, hymn 674, text Luke 8: 11., after sermon singing. Prayer by Rev. Wm. McCoy, doxology and benediction by Rev. R. Mangum.

Evening Session.

The resolution in regard to the Woman's Working Society by Elder G. W. Dunn, was taken up and discussed, and adopted. Committee on religious exercise announce that Rev. J. H. Mabry will preach to-night at 7½ o'clock, assisted by Rev. E. Bullock. Elder F. E. Jorden to-morrow at 11 o'clock, assisted by Rev. M. Fike.

On motion the chair appointed a committee to draw up Constitutions and Laws for the Woman's Working Society as follows. Prof. H. E. Long, of Franklinton, N. C.; chairman. Mrs. Adora Byrd, of Raleigh, N. C.; Mrs. Rachel Wilson, of Graham, N. C; Mrs. Lucy Fike, of Raleigh, N. C.; and Cora V. Arcoltree, of Graham, N. C.

On motion it was decided that a church which means to change pastors should give the pastor three (3) months notice of such intention. An amendment was offered that the minister shall do the same—lost.

A motion that Bros. Thompson and Farmer (White,) be invited to a seat in Conference was carried; they being men not accustomed to speaking in public, Elder Wellons represented them.

A motion that the question of districting the field be reconsidered—was carried. The matter was brought up and ably discussed by Rev. Geo. Young, principal of the Franklinton school, Deacon S. L. Long and Rev. J. W. Wellons. The matter was deferred to next day Doxology, benediction by the chair.

Night Services.—Preaching by Rev. J. H. Mabrey assisted by Rev. E. Bullock. At 7½ o'clock the meeting was opened by singing the 926 hymn and reading the third chapter of St. John. Prayer by Rev. E. Bullock, hymn 930, text John 3: 7. After sermon, prayer by Rev. E. J. Hawkins. Singing. Collection at night for Conference

$1.55 for Bro. Morris $1.10, doxology, benediction by Rev. J. H. Mabrey. At a private house the educational committee met and there came before them for license Bros. R. K. Kearney, A. Morris, A. Mitchell, S. Young, A. McClain, S. Whitaker, Wm. Williams, M. V. Alston, Adora Byrd, S. W. Jones, S. H. Ross and A. McCallum. The meeting was opened with prayer by Elder G. W. Dunn, and a lengthy examination, after which the applicants were excused. Then followed a consultation among the brethren and the committee adjourned.

FOURTH DAY.

November 14, 1884.

Devotional exercises by the chair, hymn 694 and reading the 45 chapter of Isaiah. Prayer by Rev. M. M. Hester. Roll called and minutes of previous day were read and adopted, the question of districting the field was brought up and discussed by the brethren and voted down.

On motion new churches were received. A committee to receive new church letters was appoiuted as follows: Wm. Hayes, A. Morris, E P. Dunn, committee.

A motion to elect the Messenger to the Virginia Conference, was carried. Rev. G. W. Dunn was elected. The conference then adjourned to hear a sermon by Elder F. E. Jordan, messenger from the Virginia Conference. At 11 o'clock meeting opened by singing hymn 976 and reading the first chapter of St. Mark. Prayer by Elder M. Fike, hymn 978, text Matt. 3: 11, 12. After sermon prayer by Rev. A. Small, doxology and benediction.

Evening Session.

Conference entered immediately into business. Report of committee on religious exercises announced that the Rev. Geo. Young will preach to-night at 7½ o'clock.

A motion to hear the reading of the church letters was carried. Some time was spent in reading the letters. There was a petition from the Henderson church asking for assistance, after some discussion the petition was heard. On motion it was decided that the church which sent up the most of the 25 cents assessment, according to members represented. (provide it is a legal church), shall be given $5.00 in gold.

Report of committee on Temperance was handed in and left pending while report of committee on new churches was taken up.

REPORT.

We have had under consideration the following new churches: Maple's Temple, East Raleigh, organized by Elder R. T. Whitaker with 17 members, St. Stephens in Johnson Co , with 12 members, by R. T. Whitaker, Aligator in Tyrell Co., by Elder A. Small, with 8 members. Pilgrims' Rest, Alamance Co., by Elder W. B. Williams, with 8 members. Mt Zion in Johnson Co., by Elder T. Black, with 17 members, Coan's Chapel, Mebansville, Alamance Co., by Elder Jos. Mann, with 21 members. They all appear to be in good condition.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. HAYES,
A. MORRIS,
E. P. DUNN,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Dear Brethren:—We confess our inability to grapple with the great importance of this subject, no evil in our country is more glaring in general, none enters more fully into all the avenues of society, every department of State, and social circles, but devestating the home circle with more wreck and ruin than any other place, as members of the church of God, we cannot harmonize the practice of drinking intoxicating liquors with our holy religion, finally believing that our spiritual enjoyment and the growth of our present influence, and the advancement of the cause of Christ in the conversion of souls, and the upbuilding of the church all demands, that we as ministers and delegates of this body, and members of the churches we represent, do hereby ask renewed energy in fighting against this great evil of intoxicating liquors.

R. McKENZIE,
T. J. LEVISTER.
JOS. ADAMS,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Appointments for the Conference year, 1884-85. Raleigh—Rev. M. Fike, New Bethel, Wake Co.—Rev. Jos. Adams, Holly Spring—G. W. Dunn, Pleasant Grove—J. H. Mabrey, White's Grove—T. Bullock. Burchett's Chapel—T. Bullock, Mt. Zion—B. Young, Pope's Chapel—R. McKenzie, Watson's Tabernacle—Jos. F. Mitchell, Maple Grove—Jos. F. Mitchell, St. Paul———, Zion Hill—Jos. Mann, Pleasant Hill—R T. Whitaker, Rockey Branch—R. Pretty, Baker's Grove—M. McKenzie, Oak Level—E. J. Hawkins, Green Level—Jos. Mann, Broad Creek—G. W. Dunn, St. Antioch—T. P. Wilson, Union Chapel—T. P. Wilson, Walnut Grove—Wm. McCoy, Poplar Spring—Jos. Mann, Cedar Grove—R. Mangum, Hickery Grove—R. Mangum, Christian Chapel—R. Mangum, Pleasant Union—R. Mangum, St. Delight—E. J. Hawkins, Sand Hill Chapel—B. Young, O'Kelly's Chapel—Jos. Adams, Swift Creek—J. H. Mabrey, Antioch—E. Horton, Mt. Pisgah—E. Horton,

Baker's Chapel—B. Young, Mt. Olives—G. W. Duke, Oak Level, (Warren Co.,)—T. Bullock, Roanoke Chapel—R. D. Johnson, Jerusalem—T Bullock, Christian Antioch—T. Bullock, St. Lewis—J. H. Lewis, Hank's Chapel—E. J. Hawkins Roberson's Chapel—Julius Roberson, Brooklyn Chapel—B. Young, Green Chapel—F. Sutton, Pilgrim's Rest—J. H. Mabry, Children's Chapel———, New Bethel, (Johnson Co ,)—R. Pretty, Black Swamp—Jos. F. Mitchell, Greenville Chapel—A. Small, St. Peter's Grove—J. H. Mabry, Archey's Grove—Wm. McCoy, Union Chapel—W. B. Williams, Mt. Pisgah, (Alamance Co.,)—W. B. Williams, Pinesville—T. Black, Christian Hope—J. Onslow, assisted by M. McKenzie, Cedar Hill—J. Onslow, assisted by M. McKenzie, St. Andrews—R. McKenzie, Long Chapel—S. S. Saunders, Kinches Chapel—G. W. Duke, Rockey Spring—G. W. Dunn.

New Church—Mt. Zion, (Johnson county)—T. Black, St. Stephen—T. Black, Maple's Temple—R. T. Whitaker, Coan's Temple—Jos. Mann, assisted by A. A. Bright Pilgrim's Chapel—W. B. Williams, Beach Grove—Solomon Young, Roberson Chapel—S. Young, New-Hill Chapel—R. T. Whitaker, Franklinton—M Fike, Zion Hill, (Chatham county)—Geo. Thompson.

REV. R. D. JOHNSON, Chairman.
JOS. MANN,
JOS. ADAMS,
R. T. WHITAKER,
G. W. DUNN,
T. J. LEVISTER,
B. YOUNG,
M. FIKE,
Committee.

Conference adjourned, doxology and benediction by the chair.

Night Services.

Preaching by Rev. Geo. Young, opened with singing and reading the first Psalm, and prayer by Rev. Geo. young, hymn 553 Text 24 Plasm, 3 verse. After the sermon, prayer by Elder Wm. Hayes. Singing, collection for the conference 96 cents, for A Morris, 40 cents. Doxology by Rev. A Small.

FIFTH DAY.

November 15, 1884.

Conference met, devotional exercises by the chair, hymn 1147 and prayer by the chair. Roll called, proceedings of previous day were read and approved, unfinished businesss, the question as to who should have the prize, the legality of the Henderson organization being called in question, a motion that Henderson is not a church, the conference decided that it is a church, a motion to reconsider the matter concerning the Henderson church was lost. The hour for preach-

ing having arrived the pulpit was filled. Elder B. Young, assisted by Elder G. W. Duke, opened by singing and reading Luke 15th chapter. Prayer by Rev. G. W. Duke. Singing. Sermon, text Matt. 6:33. After prayer by Rev. M. M. Hester, doxology and benediction by Rev. G. W. Duke.

Evening Session.

Conference was called to order. Report of committee on Sabbath Schools was given in as follows:

REPORT.

We have had under consideration of the Sabbath School work, and when we think of the fact that it is the place that the minds of the next generation are to be shaped and that we are living in a period of so many possibilities, therefore be it

Resolved, That every minister see to it that there is such a school in his church and that it is connected with the Sabbath School Convention as early as possible.

JOS. ADAMS,
M FIKE,
A. SMALL,
F. SUTTON,
Committee.

Report of Committee on Woman's Working Society.

REPORT.

As women was first in transgression, so she, as though she would make amend for the wreck and ruin, she has made, is now willing to be first in the work of lifting up, and saving the fallen. She may not be able to move out in the more arduous labors, yet she is willing to do what she can. One of the mistakes of the church has been that she has too long discarded the efforts of her female members, in their departments in which she can so well labor. But a better day is dawning, prejudice is wearing away, and all the energies of the church are now being used to press forward the work of the Master, the timid and retiring nature of the woman may prevent her from rushing to the front, in the great battle for God, and humanity, yet there are sph res where she can labor with more success than the man. In many of the benevolent operattons of the church, woman can succeed where man would fail. Believing this, we urge upon every church in this Conference to organize the Ladies Working Society, whose main object should be to raise funds for the benevolent operation of the church in whatever direction they may be needed. The officers of this society shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, and soliciting committee. The duties of the soliciting committee shall be to solicit funds or means for the successful accomplishment of the work, the other officers shall perform their duties which are usually connected with such bodies. These officers shall meet monthly and in connection

with the pastor shall devise such plans and methods of work, this society shall expend the funds raised in a more local work of the church, at home or send their funds or a portion of it to the Conference. for the use of the body to be expanded in any way they may see fit.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. LONG. Chairman.
MRS. LUCY FIKE,
ADORA BYRD,
RACHEL WILSON.
MISS C. V. ARCOLTREE,
Committee.

Committee on Religious Exercises reported the appointments for Saturday night and Sunday as follows:

Rev. Jas. Adams, to night assisted by Rev. A. Small; Sunday at 11 o'clock the funeral of Rev Zimri Graham, by Rev. G. W. Dunn, assisted by Rev. M. Fike, at 3 o'clock the funeral of Rev. Samuel Allen, by Rev. T. Bullock, assisted by Rev. R. D. Johnson, and the administration of the sacrament by old father Hayes; Rev. R. McKenzie at the Baptist Church at 3 o'clock, p m., at 4 o'clock all the ministers are requested to meet at the church and lecture to the Sabbath School. At night preaching by sister Adora Byrd, assisted by Mrs. Lucy Fike, then a lecture by Prof. H. E. Long.

J. MANN,
M. FIKE,
E. F. McCALLUM,
Committee.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE TREASURER.

Received from the Conference, 1883 for minutes	$ 21.47
December 3rd 1884, from J. Onslow	1.00
February 11, 1884, from G. W. Duke	1.00
February 13, 1884, from J. F. Mitchel	11.80
February 23, 1884, from T. J. Levister	.35
Total receipts	$ 35.62
Expenditure	35.18
Balance on hand	.44

REV. M. FIKE, Treasurer.

REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE.

We, your committee recommend Bro. M. McKenzie for ordination and the following for licensure to preach the Gospel. Bro. Wm. Williams, A. McCallum, A. Morris, S. Young, M. V. Alston, S. H. Ross. Adora Byrd.

We further advise that these applicants for ordination and licensure, whose request has been denied pursue their studies at the Franklinton school.

G. W. DUNN,
M. FIKE,
WM HAYES,
R. McKENZIE,
T. BULLOCK,
GEO. YOUNG,
JOS F. MITCHELL.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SCHOOL FUND.

	For the year 1884, amount received at Conference .	$ 22 03
1883,	Expenditure paid to Rev. Geo. Young, on account 1880 to old account of Elder Young	8.81
"	G. W. Dunn, Missionary purposes	3.10
"	M. Fike, Interest on money	7.40
"	Other indebtedness	5.69
	Total Expenditure	$ 25 00
	Amount received	22.03
	Balance due treasurer	$ 2.97

S. L. LONG, Treasurer.

A motion by Wm. Williams, that each minister and delegate on their return home recommend the Christian Ark to their church and people—carried.

A motion that Elders S. Foy and Wm. Hayes be given $5.00 each of the sinking funds was carried.

A motion that sister Allen's expenses be paid to and from the Conference, out of the sinking fund, was also carried.

The appointment of the presbytery on ordination was as follows: Elders Wm. Hayes, Jos. Mann, Robt. McKenzie. Rev Geo. Young, Principal of the Franklinton School to give the charge. The ordination to take place immediately after sermon on Sunday night.

A motion to adjourn was carried. Doxology and benediction by the chair.

Sunday Services.

At 11 o'clock the Funeral services of Elder Guinn Graham by Elder G. W. Dunn, assisted by Elder M. Fike, was opened by singing. Then reading the 14th chapter of Job and the 15th chapter of first Corinthians. Hymn 846. "Let this body die," prayer by Rev. M. Fike, hymn 1138. Text, Psalms 30: 5. After sermon, hymn 572, prayer by Elder Wm. Hayes, hymn 588 was sung, collection for the conference $5,49, for sister Graham $165. Doxology and benediction by Elder Wm. Hayes.

Evening Services.

The funeral services of Elder Samuel Allen, by Elder Thomas Bullock, assisted by Rev. R. D. Johnson, was opened by singing hymn 848 and reading the 11th chapter of St. John, hymn 888, prayer by Rev. E. Bullock, hymn 821,

Text, 2 Timothy 4: 7. After sermon singing, then the sacrament by father Hayes. Benediction by Elder Robt. McKenzie.

Night services are recorded elsewhere in this minute

SEVENTH DAY.

Nov. 17, 1884.

Devotional Exercises by the chair. Reading the first chapter of St. John and prayer by Elder J. H. Mabrey.

A motion that the report of the Executive committee be adopted was carried.

REPORT.

We, your committee have had under our observation the work of the field generally and especially the churches which were placed under our care from last conference, which came before the committee on grievances namely: Broad Creek, Poplar Spring and Christian Antioch On the 26th of January 1884, we visited Poplar Spring, and after a profound and patient investigation, we were able to restore union and love to the brethren. We also visited Broad Creek the first Sunday in July ond held a quarterly meeting and were able to settle the difficulty. We visited Christian Antioch the third Saturday in December 1883, and investigated the matter there, and restored the church to union.

G. W. DUNN,
JOS. MANN,
T. BULLOCK,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, your committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following report.

Amount received from letters for printing minutes - - - -	$ 22.60
For the establishment of schools - - - - - - - - - - - -	101.98

The churches that paid more in proportion to their membership are Kinches Chapel and St Andrew's Chapel, and according to proposition offered to the church as a reward for raising Conference fund, we believe that Kinches is entitled to the prize.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW McCALLUM,
WM. WILLIAMS,
S. L. LONG,
Committee.

A motion that Children's Chapel have $5.00 of the public collection was carried.

A motion that Conference pay the sexton $1.25 for the work during the conference was carried.

A motion that the Secretary be paid half from the School Board Treasury and the other half from the Conference treasury was carried.

On motion the names of G. G. MaGhee, R. R. Johnson, John Kent, N. McCoy, E. S. Turnage and Nathan Turnage be droped from our ministerial directory—was carried.

Conference adjourned to meet with the Raleigh Church on Tuesday after the second Sunday in Nov. 1885.

G. W. DUNN, PRESIDENT.

JOS F. MITCHELL. *Secretary.*

T. J. LEVISTER, *Assistant Secretary.*

MINISTERIAL REPORTS FOR 1884.

DEAR BRETHREN:—I had Oak Level (Warren Co.) I preached monthly, fifteen converts, eight accessions, united in matrimony fifteen couples, preached thirty five funerals. R. D. JOHNSON.

DEAR BRETHREN:—I have had in charge this year Raleigh and Franklinton churches. At Raleigh we had 102 converts and added to the church 116, and baptized 72. Franklinton 39 converts, 20 accessions, baptized 15, total number baptized 87, total number added to the churches 136. The Raleigh church paid me $275 and gave me $17 as a present, the Franklinton church paid me $100. MOSES FIKE.

DEAR BRETHREN:—I had no charge this year, but I have preached several times at Durham and other places. Pray for me.

MOSES M. HESTER.

DEAR BRETHREN:—I had charge of St. Peter and Pilgrim's Rest. 13 accessions to the churches, preached 80 sermons and ordained 3 deacons.

J. H. MABREY.

DEAR BRETHREN:—I am sorry that I can't meet you—expenses are very heavy. I had charge of Christian Hope and Cedar Hill Chapel, three accessions, baptized three, married one couple. Pray for me.

J. ONSLOW.

BRETHREN:—I am very anxious to be with you but cant, may success crown your efforts in the works of the Lord. B. SUTTON,

DEAR BRETHREN:—I had four churches in charge, had 47 accessions, baptized 39, married one couple, preached 10 funerals, built one house of worship. The Lord has blessed me, pray that I may hold out.

R. MANGUM.

DEAR BRETHREN:—I have been sick a great deal, I had one charge, preached twice a month, baptized 13, preached 48 sermons and 2 funeral sermons, JOS. ADAMS.

DEAR BRETHREN:—I had in charge Holly Spring all the year, I had Rockey Spring 4 months and filled Elder Dunn's apppointment for six weeks at Cary. At Holly Springs we had 11 converts and 8 accessions to the church, baptized six, JOS. F. MITCHELL.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	No Members reported last session.	Received since.	Died.	Dismissed by letter.	Withdrawn.	Expelled.	Total No. present membership.	No. of schools.	No. of Bible classes.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of pupils.	No. Volumes in Library.	Am't paid Pastors.	For the Establishing of schools.	To Educate young preachers.	For printing minutes.	Value of church property.
Good Chapel	.....	....	..	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....
St. Delight	40	1	..	1	....	3	37	1	2	5	36	35	25.00	91	.....	50	40.00
Pleasant Union,(W.Co.)	84	13	2	1	....	2	92	1	7	8	74	115	30.46	3.00	.....	50	50.00
Raleigh Church	276	116	..	4	2	5	381	1	5	6	60	....	275	11.00	.....	1.00	2.000
Franklinton Church	237	19	..	....	....	4	252	1	7	8	80	75	100	18.24	.....	1.00	500
New Bethel, (Wake Co.)	70	7	1	....	....	....	76	1	3	6	30	30	27.28	.....	.....	....	.....
Holly Spring	68	8	..	4	1	2	69	1	2	5	25	76	39.63	6.75	.....	....	1.000
Pleasant Grove	175	14	..	11	....	....	178	1	7	8	75	15	75.00	.....	.....	50	550
White's Grove	110	4	..	1	2	....	111	1	3	5	60	....	36.37	.....	.....	50	.....
Kinches Chapel	31	1	..	....	....	7	25	1	1	5	45	35	37.62	6.50	.....	50	450
Mt. Zion (Vance Co.,)	154	....	..	....	....	..	154	1	1	4	40	4	20.66	50	.....	50	140
Buchet's Chapel	.....	....	..	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....
Popes Chapel	40	3	..	....	....	....	43	1	2	3	35	50	50.00	2.75	.....	50	25.00
Watson's Tabernacle	.....	3	..	....	....	....	65	....	....	....	....	....	74.35	1.84	.....	....	.....
St. Paul	35	....	..	....	....	2	33	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	25	250
Zion Hill	.....	....	..	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....
Pleasant Hill	34	1	..	....	....	....	35	1	6	9	70	6	16.00	85	.....	50	350
Rockey Branch	62	13	..	....	....	....	75	1	3	4	15	1	22.09	.....	.....	....	305

STATISTICAL TABLE—CONTINUED.

Beach Grove																	
Oak Level, (Wake Co.,)																	
Green Level, (A. Co.,)	115	4		1		4	114	1	2	6	50	50	60.00	10		50	1.000
Broad Creek Chapel	136	3					139						25.22	4.91		1.00	
St. Antioch, (Pam. Co.,)	26	35				1	60	1	1	9	25	25	79.52	25	25	50	
Union Chapel, (J. Co.,)																	
Walnut Grove																	
Poplar Spring	113	12		2	2	2	119	1	4	5	40	24	25.00			50	200
Cedar Grove	25	9			1		33	1	3	4	31	30	17.11	2.25			150
Hickory Grove	127	14		1			140	1	2	2	25	5	38.06	4.50		50	125
St. Andrews Chapel	6				2		4	1	1	4	30	5	10.00	2.00			
Green Chapel	48	2				4	46	1	2	4	20	4	31.19	75			125
St. Lewis	44	6	1	6	8	1	34	1	1	2	2	10	100			50	1.000
Brooklyn Chapel	8						8							25		50	
Newhill Chapel	17					3	14					16	11.61	65		50	
Union Chapel, (A. Co.,)	47	10		2		2	53	1	1	12	40	35	40.75	35	25	50	500
Cedar Hill, (Brum Co.,)	36	4			4		36	1	3	4	20		16.00	4.80		50	
Mt. Olives,(Warren Co.)	50	3					53	1	2	4	30	15	25.30			25	
Roanoke Chapel	175	1	1	1			174	1	8	9	75		21.54	30		30	85.00
Pinesville, (Joh'n. Co.,)	121	11	3	1		4	124	1	7	8	73	36	30.44	1.00	1.05	50	500
Black Swamp	9	11					20	1	1	4	15		8.31	1.00		50	35 00
Hank's Chapel	20	25					45	1	1	4	25	15	52.25	75		50	
Zion Hill, (Chat. Co.,)	25	10					35	1	4	4	25		20.00	75		50	100
Greenville Chapel	11	8				3	14	1	1	4	30		21.47	55		50	100
Mt. Pisgah, (Ala. Co.,)	8	2				1	9							8.00	25	50	
Cedar Hill Chapel														4.80		50	
Sand Hill, (Moore Co.,)	41	14			1		54	1	1	2	10	11	93.55	2.00		50	25.00

Pilgrim's Rest, Cra. Co.,	11	7	
Swift Creek.....	202	1	
St. Peter's Chapel.....	9		
Children's Chapel.....			
O'Kelly's Chapel.....			
Rockey Spring.....			
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SECOND DAY.

October 23, 1884.

Conference met at 9 a. m., called to order by the President. reading Rom. 13, hymn 70. Prayer by Elder J. F. Mitchell. Roll was called, ministers and delegates answered to their names.

The minutes of yesterday was read and approved.

On motion the letters of the different churches was called for and read. On motion of D. Blow, they were approved. On motion of D. Blow that no member be absent himself from the Conference without permission from the chair—carried.

On motion of A. Riddick that each member that is too late for roll call shall pay 25 cents—carried.

On motion of F. E Jordan, that the President appoint to fill vacancies in the committees—carried

On motion of C. Morris, it was decided that no member shall speak more than five minutes at a time and only twice on the same subject. The Rev. J. F. Mitchell, messenger of the North Carolina Conference gave an address of encouragement. Conference then took a recess to hear the Annual Address delivered by Elder F. E. Jordan, text 1 Peter 4: 16, singing hymn 452, prayer by A. Riddick. The collection of the day $1.62.

On motion the following was appointed a committee on Finance: F. E. Jordan, A. J. Howell and Obadiah Faulk.

On motion of Wm. Anderson a new treasurer was elected.

On motion he was required to give a bond for the amount he may have in hand—carried.

On motion we adjourn to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock a. m.

THIRD DAY.

October 24, 1884.

Conference met, President in the chair, called the house to order, reading the 25th chapter of Matthew and singing hymn 378, prayer by M. Blow. Roll was called, the minutes of yesterday read and approved.

On motion of D. Blow, Bros. A. J. Howell and others were excused for being late. On motion of Calvin Morris, Bro. W. H. Reid was elected treasurer of the Conference.

On motion of A. J. Howell, Conference shall defray the Treasurer's expenses to and from Conference—carried.

On motion of T. F. Jones, the Finance Committee will turn the money in their hands over to the Treasurer and receive his bond—carried The committee on Sabbath Schools reported and after some remarks, the report was received.

On motion of P. Roberts the report on Temperance was received. On motion the report of the Executive Committee was received. On motion of A. Riddick, Bro. W. H Reid be Treasurer of the Sinking Fund.

Money collected for Sinking Fund $3.25.

On motion of T. F. Jones the report of the committee on Home Mission was received. Conference then took recess to hear preaching by Elder Jos. F. Mitchell from the North Carolina Conference. Services commenced by singing hymn 570, reading 1 Kings 22, prayer by Rev. O. Faulk and hymn 408, text Matt. 16: 26. Prayer after preaching by F. E Jordan. Collection for the day $2.14.

On motion the ministers' reports were received. The committee then reported Elder J. Copeland to preach to-morrow at 12 o'clock m.

On motion we adjourn to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock, a. m.

FOURTH DAY.

October 25, 1884.

Conference met and was called to order by the President, by reading and singing hymn 896 and prayer by Bro. T. F. Jones.

The roll called, ministers and delegates answered to their names. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

On motion of O. Faulk, Elder F. E. Jordan was elected Fraternal Messenger to the North Carolina Conference.

On motion of Bro. Howell, the Educational Committee's Report was received.

On motion of A. J. Howell we will have a missionary—carried.

On motion of Calvin Morris that Conference will comply with the request of Bro. J. F. Mitchell in sending money to the school—carried.

On motion of A. J. Howell the report on pastoral charges were received.

On motion of D. Blow, a committee was appointed on schools as follows: F. E. Jordan, J. Jones and S. A. Howell. Conference then took recess to hear preaching by Elder J. Copeland, singing hymn 16, prayer by C. Morris, lesson St. John 3rd chapter. Collection for the day $1.02.

On motion of Wm. Ellis, Conference meet at Pleasant Grove on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in October 1885. On motion the Sunday School Convention meet at Chapel Grove Friday before the last Sunday in July 1885—carried.

On motion of F. E. Jordan, S. A. Howell was chosen to preach the annual address at the next Conference—carried. On motion of O. Faulk, Bro. F. E. Jordan be the alternate. On motion a vote of thanks was tendered to the church and friends about Union Hill for their kindness during the Conference.

On motion Elder F. E. Jordan was chosen to preach the funeral of Bro. Manson Washington. On motion we will have the minutes of the Sunday School Convention and Conference minutes printed together as heretofore. On motion the Standing Committees were appointed as follows for the ensuing year:

EDUCATION:—Elders F. E. Jordan, A. Pindle and J. Jones.

HOME MISSIONS:—Justin Copeland, W. A. Copeland and D. Blow.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS:—F. E. Jordan, J. A. Diggs and Wm. Anderson.

EXECUTIVE:—F. E. Jordan, Jesse Jones and A. Pindle.

TEMPERANCE:—D. Blow, J. T. Hamlin and S. A. Howell.

On motion Conference defray the expenses of the Messenger to the North Carolina Conference to and from—carried.

On motion of T. F. Jones the Sinking Fund shall be used for infirm ministers that are not able to take care of themselves. On motion of O. Faulk that the secretary have 60 forms for church letters printed.

On motion Conference adjourned to meet with the church at Pleasant Grove, Wednesday before the 4th Sunday in October 1884.

JESSE JONES, PRESIDENT.

F. E. JORDAN, *Secretary.*

C. MORRIS, *Assistant Secretary.*

On Sunday a large congregation met and Elder Jos. F. Mitchell preached at 11 o'clock, a. m., text Eph. 6: 11, hymn 576, prayer by Elder J. Copeland, and after dinner at 2 o'clock p m., Elder F. E. Jordan preached a funeral sermon in memory of the Rev. M. Washington, text, 2 Tim. 4: 7, hymn 847, prayer by Elder J. Jones.

We, your committee on Temperance beg leave to report concerning intemperance, knowing that it is a growing evil overflowing our land, it has power to degrade us in many respects. It causes disturbances in family and outside, it destroys the physical part of man and causes him soon to be deprived of any good thing. We need not be temperate in one thing alone, but in all, even in our conversation and daily walk. We are commanded not to look upon the cup when it is red, knowing that strong drink is raging. So we impress upon the mind of ministers, superintendents and teachers of our Sunday Schools to teach temperance to the highest degree, trusting that the rising generation may be more prompt and practical than they ever were in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

D. BLOW,
A. J. HOWELL,
J. T. HAMLIN.
Committee.

We, your committee on Pastoral charge beg leave to report: Zion—F. E. Jordan. Union Hill—A. Pindle. Mt. Ararat—F. E. Jordan. Chapel Grove—F. E. Jordan. Providence—Justin Copeland, Laurel Hill—F. E. Jordan and C. Faulk. Corinth Chapel—Justin Copeland and C. Faulk. Pleasant Grove—A. Pindel and D. Blow. C. Faulk to assist at Zion, and Laurel Hill H. Hamlin to assist at Union Hill, missionary Jesse Jones. Bro. A. Reddick and Bro. S. Williams are left to get up a field of labor where they can, in the bounds of Conference. A. A. Howell will attend school again.

H. HAMLIN.
WM. ELLIS,
OBADIAH FAULK,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, your committee appointed on Finance, beg leave to report that we have no report from the former treasurer of the remaining funds in hand, therefore have received from the different churches

of the 13 cents tax - - - - - - - -	$ 32,06
From ministers for their last year's minutes - - -	12.04
For Sinking Fund - - - - - - - -	3,25
From Public Collection - - - - - - - -	6.77
Total amount, - - - - - - -	$ 54.12

(To turn into the hands of the newly elected Treasurer.)

Respectfully submitted,

F. E. JORDAN,
O. FAULK,
A. J. HOWELL,
Committee.

We, your committee to whom the subject of Sunday Schools was referred, beg leave to report: While having the cause in consideration we believe the Sunday School to be an important work and requires much attention. We therefore call the attention of our ministers, deacons and people to this important work in the Sunday School. The young may be trained in the knowledge of the gospel and gospel seed sown in young

hearts, that may spring and ripen in following days. Then let us rally to the Sunday School work, see that there is a Sunday school in all of our churches and wherever else we can have one.

F. E. JORDAN,
WM. A. DERSON,
J. A. DIGGS.
Committee.

The Executive Committee beg leave to say that we have considered the cause and find nothing of importance claiming our attention.

F. E. JORDAN,
JESSE JONES,
JUSTIN COPELAND,
Committee.

REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE.

We, your committee on Education, beg leave to report that the following licentiates came before us for ordination: H. Hamlin, A. Riddick and D. Blow, and after a lengthy examination we recommend Bros. H. Hamlin and A. Riddick to continue licentiates. We also recommend Bros. D. Blow to attend school another year. As it is an age of improvement our people are improving as they grow up. The standard of education must be raised among the ministers of the gospel if possible. We should use our influence with young men looking forward to the ministry to improve themselves for the position of a minister, and help them when we can, that they may be useful in the cause of Christ, and in the elevation of the church. Respectfully submitted,

F. E. JORDAN,
J. JONES,
J. COPELAND,
Committee.

The churches are requested to raise the following amount for a Missionary Fund:

Mt. Ararat	$ 6.30
Chapel Grove	7.45
Zion	10.00
Providence	2.50
Pleasant Grove	4.75
Union Hill	7 50
Laurel Hill	3.55
Corinth Chapel	10.00

We, your committee on Home Missions beg leave to report. We find that there has been but little done in the past year in the spread of our zion, though we hope that there will be more done in the coming year, if our people will awaken and lay hands to the work and help to push it forward, there are great calls to duty and may we respond to them and may the Lord help us in that direction. We find that the churches have been attended during the past year.

J. COPELAND,
W. A. COPELAND,
D. BLOW.
Committee.

MINISTERIAL REPORTS.

Dear Brethren:—I have had the Pastoral charge of Union Hill and Pleasant Grove, preached monthly at Uuion Hill and quarterly at Pleasant Grove, baptized 15, married 8 couples and preached 7 funerals. I ask the prayers of the brethren that I may be instrumental in bringing souls to God. JESSE JONES.

Dear Brethren:—I have had the pastoral charge of the churches at Zion, Chapel Grove, Mt. Ararat and Laurel Hill. I preached once a month at each of them, held a protracted meeting at three of them, 37 conversions, baptized and added to the churches. I have also preached 5 funerals and united in matrimony 5 couples. Thanks be unto the Lord for his blessings and I trust that he will go with me unto the end.

F. E. JORDAN.

Dear Brethren:—I have had the pastoral charge of the churches at Corinth and Providence, preached twice a month at Corinth and once a month at Providence, held a protracted meeting at each of them, 38 were converted, and 18 baptized and added to the church. I also united in matrimony 7 couples. I feel thankful that the Lord has been with me so far and I trust that he will go with me to the end. JUSTIN COPELAND.

Dear Brethren:—I assisted in the attendance of the churches at Zion and Laurel Hill, I preached at Zion once a month and also at Laurel Hill, and sometimes at Chapel Grove, and I held a few days meeting at a new place, trying to raise a church there—three were converted. I ask the prayers of the conference to help me to go on in the cause of the Lord, for I have a hard time since my husband died.

CASSANDRA FAULK.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	No Members reported last session.	Received since.	Dismissed by letter.	Withdrawn.	Died.	Expelled.	Total No. present membership.	No. of schools.	No. of Bible classes	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of pupils.	No. Volumes in Library.	Am't p'd Pastors.	To Educate young preachers.	For other purposes.	Value of church property.
Zion	F. E. Jordan	224	10	....	2	1	3	228	1	2	6	65	75	77.55	5.04	134.31	800
Providence	J. Copeland	47	9	....	1	..	7	54	1	1	5	24	6	48.00	2.50	.....	300
Mt. Ararat	F. E. Jordan	116	11	....	..	1	..	126	1	1	7	35	72	35.60	3.49	.....	500
Corinth	J. Copeland	200	22	....	..	3	..	219	1	2	12	75	100	50.00	7.00	352.00	500
Chapel Grove	F. E. Jordan	149	5	....	..	1	4	149	1	1	5	55	55	70.10	7.27	100.19	850
Pleasant Grove	J. Jones	74	4	1	..	1	2	74	1	1	5	31	24	25.00	5.00	40.00	50
Laurel Hill	F. E. Jordan	71	6	....	..	..	6	71	1	2	8	45	75	45.00	1.76	17.42	24
Union Hill	J. Jones	167	4	1	..	1	7	167	1	1	6	53	72	70.93	6.00	.....	325

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

Eastern Virginia Sunday School Convention,

—HELD AT—

LAUREL HILL, NANSEMOND COUNTY VA.,

July 25 and 26, 1884.

According to appointment of the last meeting the Convention met at 9 o'clock a. m. The Devotional Exercises were conducted by Elder J. Copeland, hymn sung 65, prayer by Elder J. Copeland. Elder F. E. Jordan arose and delivered a short address extending a hearty welcome to all.

On motion by Elder F. E. Jordan, that Elder J. Copeland should be President of this session.

On motion that W. S. Howell should be Secretary.

On motion the names of the delegates were enrolled

On motion by Elder Jordan that a committee on arrangement be appointed.

W. A. Copeland,
Samuel Johnson,
Henry Holland,
Committee.

Elder Jordan moved a committee on Finance be appointed.

W. W. Howell,
G. W. Brown,
E. A. Holland,
Committee.

On motion that the committee report.

On motion the letters from the different schools were presented and read and afterward referred to the Financial Committee.

Dear Brethren:—We your Finance Committee beg to inform the Convention: Owing to the absence of the Treasurer, we are unable to make out a full statement of the Financial Statistics, but we beg to report the following to the Convention.

Chapel Grove	$ 1.50
Corinth Chapel	1.50
Zion Church	.60
Laurel Hill	.75
Providence	1.00
Mount Ararat	2.00
Total amount,	$ 7.35

We, your committee on arrangement beg to report that we do deem it necessary for this Convention to begin its session at 9 o'clock a. m. Recess from 12 o'clock to 2 p. m., and adjourn at 4 p. m. That there be preaching at 11 o'clock a. m., daily during the session.

W. A. COPELAND,
HENRY HOLLAND,
SAMUEL JOHHSON,
Committee.

SECOND DAY.

The Convention met as agreed The Devotional Exercises were conducted by the chair—reading the 10 chapter of Acts, hymn sung, "And will the Judge descend, prayer by W. A. Copeland.

On motion the roll was called and the minutes of yesterday read and approved.

On motion by F. E. Jordan that W. A. Copeland be appointed assistant Secretary.

Elder Jordan moved that the Treasurer of this Convention shall be present at every meeting of the Convention.

On motion by Samuel Johnson, that the Convention adjourn to hear a sermon by Elder J. Copeland. After a recess of about ten minutes the assembly again was seated to hear the sermon, reading the 8th chapter of Matt, text 10, hymn sung 65, Christian Hymn book. Oh! God our keep in ages past The speaker announced for his text.

Evening Session.

The Convention was called to order by the President, hymn sang 395. On motion by W. A. Copeland, that the preceding of the forenoon session be read. Elder Jordan moved that the proceedings of the last meeting be received.

W. A. Copeland moved that the schools shall have a printed formal letter to make out each report on.

On motion that H. Copeland be elected Treasurer. On motion that the Secretary forward a letter to the Treasurer to return the finances to the Secretary immediately and he will return to the Treasurer.

On motion by Elder F. E. Jordan that the next meeting of the Convention be held at Pleasant Grove, Sussex county Va. (But the Annual Conference has since changed it from Pleasant Grove to Chapel Grove.)

A motion by Samuel Johnson, that half an hour or more be devoted in discussing the interest of the Sunday School, and how they should be conducted. A. J. Howell arose and addressed the Convention with some very interesting and brief remarks on the Sabbath School work.

On motion by Samuel Johnson that a vote of thanks be extended to Mr. A. J. Howell for his highly appreciated remarks.

THE REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENTS OF ALL THE SCHOOLS.

Dear Brethren:—I have visited nearly all the schools this year and I found them in a very prosperous condition. I was successful in lecturing and setting every effort to build up the great cause of the Sunday School. I have not organized any new chool this year. I ask the prayers of all the brethren. W. F. HOWELL. Supt.

Dear Brethren:—We are having a fine school, do all in our power for the Master's cause. Our school is not so very large, but we are increasing. ISAAC PORTER, Zion.

Dear Brethren:—Our school is quite small, but we are energetically at work to do more and more to spread the gospel of Christ, and we still intend to bear the message to the needy ones. W. F. HOWELL.
Laurel Hill.

Dear Brethren:—We are glad to say that we have a very fine Sabbath School, and it is in a prosperous condition, we ask the brethren of the Convention to ask God's blessing that we may go on.
J. W. WIGGINS, Corinth Chapel.

Dear Brethren:—Our school is in a prosperous condition, we are having a fine school every Sunday with Elder Edward Young, we put forward every effort to keep our school upon its feet and to pull together. Brethren pray for us, for we g eatly need your prayers.
A. B. HOLLAND, Chapel Grove.

Dear Brethren:—Our school is making rapid progress in the way of making known the way to Christ and salvation, pray that I may be instrumental in bridging many to the light. JAMES ANDERSON,
Providence.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Nothing is more gratifying and pleasing to us than to report the love and unity in our Sabbath School, it is a machine at work for the Lord. "The harvest surely is great, but the laborers are few, pray the Master that more laborers may be sent into the field.

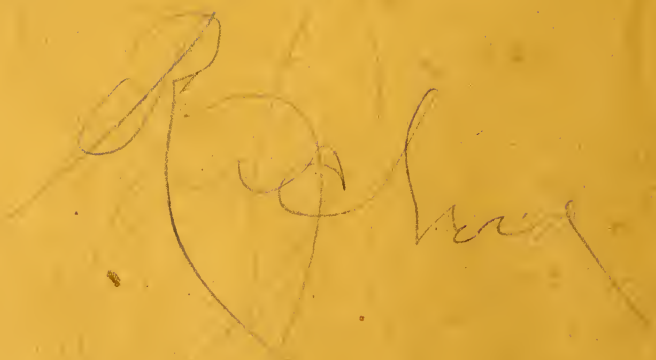
MOUNT ARARAT.

On motion by W. W. Holland that Samuel Johnson be our Superintendent at large over the field.

On motion by W. A. Copeland that a vote of thanks be given to the brethren and sisters of Laurel Hill for their kind hospitality that was shown to the Convention.

On motion by W. W. Holland that the Convention adjourn to meet Friday before the fourth Lord's day in July, 1885.

On motion that Elder J. Copeland shall preach the Introductory sermon at the next Annual Session. Hymn was sung and the benediction announced by the chair.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

SCHOOLS.	No. SCHOLARS.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	SECRETARIES.	TEACHERS.	DELEGATES.	CONTRIBUTIONS.
Laurel Hill.	35	A. J. Howell.	W. T. Howell.	3	W. T. Howell.	$.75
Providence.	30	Wm Anderson	Jos. Anderson	2	S. Johnson...	1.00
Zion.....	40	D. Duke.....	I. Porter.....	6	E. Copeland & Alex Holland.	.60
Chapel Grove.	45	J. J. Eley....	P. King.....	2	A. B. Holland.	1.50
Corinth Chapel.	55	H. Johnson..	J. W. Wiggins	8	J. W. Wiggins	1.50